



“Terror in the Corn” Awaits at Swank Farms in Hollister

by Bonnie Swank

If you were to visit Swank Farms in Hollister you would see acres of fruits and vegetables growing in the fields, with workers picking and packing the produce to be sent off to restaurants and farmers markets from Monterey to San Francisco and beyond. During the colder months vegetables like kale and broccoli grow happily outside while more fragile fruit like tomatoes and cucumbers keep warm in acres of plastic hoop houses. In July a transformation begins as a large field is cleared and corn is planted, not for eating but for entertainment. It's time for me to go to work on creating the new design for this year's corn maze. For 16 seasons I have put pen to paper, no computer, to create the most challenging maze I can. Nothing says fall like pumpkins and a corn maze except possibly a haunted attraction, in the corn, at night. This year's "Terror in the Corn" takes a turn from aliens and zombies heading straight for "Notorious New Orleans."

A couple of years ago we decided to give our "haunt" a facelift by creating a different, sometimes continuing haunted story. This year two of our haunted sleuths took their honeymoon in New Orleans staying in a haunted hotel and visited by a ghost, no kidding. They gathered information from Marie Laveau's House of Voodoo to the yellow fever epidemic of 1853. They came home filled with ideas to create our best haunted attraction yet. Daytime is all fun with no scares. Our Kiddy Corral's open for the younger children with its own maze and a host of activities. Our large Maniac Maze will challenge your navigational skills with 27 hidden spots to find. Eat, jump, ride, shoot pumpkins and corn you're sure to have fun!



Note: Bonnie Swank and her husband Dick own and manage Swank Farms and its annual Halloween event.

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